



# 10 TIPS FOR SMALL SPACE GARDENING

..... *In Your Home Garden* .....

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## WHEN YOU CAN'T GROW OUT – GROW UP!

Growing plants vertically helps circulate air through the plant, reducing moisture buildup that causes leaf fungus and fruit rot.

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## ADD MULCH

Mulching can retain up to 80% of the water applied to your soil, and reduces water loss through evaporation.

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## PAVE DIAGONALLY

Lay stepping stones in a diagonal pattern. This gives the illusion of a bigger garden, eliminating the need to add more plants.

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## USE COMPANION PLANTING

Group plants together with similar water needs and avoid over or under watering.

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## INSTALL DRIP IRRIGATION

Water plants efficiently with drip irrigation. Rebates are available! [www.mwdoc.com/drip](http://www.mwdoc.com/drip)

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## USE EDIBLE LANDSCAPING

Remove a patch of thirsty turf and replace a 5' x 5' space of grass with an edible plant or vegetable bed.

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## USE FREE WATER

Use rain barrels or a cistern to collect water from your downspouts in the rainy season.

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## ADD COMPOST

Prepare your soil by adding rich, organic compost that will help trap moisture and encourage deep roots.

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## PLANT VEGGIES EARLY

Establish plants before the hot and dry days of summer. They'll have time to establish a root system that will allow them to survive the heat with less water.

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## GROW FOOD IN POTS AND PLANTERS

Save space, water, and money by using pots and planters. Most herbs and vegetables only need the top 8-12 inches of soil to grow!

